

REMARKS

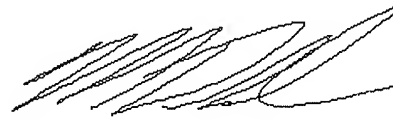
Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 15 are presently pending. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3, 8, and 14 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the intervening claims. Assignee appreciates Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent claims 1, 6, and 10 were rejected. However, Examiner indicated that claims 3, 8, and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the intervening claims. Accordingly, Assignee has amended claims 1, 6, and 10 to include the limitations of claim 3, 8, and 14 and submit that claims 1, 6, and 10 as amended are allowable, as well as dependent claims 4, 5, 9, 13, and 15.

Claims 4, 7, 9, and 10-15 were objected to for various informalities. Assignee has amended claims 4, 9, 10, and 15, and cancelled claims 7, 11, and 12 without prejudice, and is respectfully submitted that the objections are overcome. Additionally, Examiner has objected to the drawings. Assignee respectfully submit that the objections to the drawings are obviated by the cancellation of claim 11.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are in a condition, thereby placing the application in a condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.



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